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Good afternoon to everyone, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to the Keepmoat Stadium, our temporary home for this season.

As always it gives me great pleasure to welcome to the Keepmoat Stadium Mr. Ted Todd, his co- Directors, backroom staff Gary Charlton the coach and players of Whitehaven RLFC. I hope you all had a good trip down from Cumbria.

All who attended our game last Sunday will be aware that there were problems at half time which delayed the start of the second half.

The problem was that Rob Smith Featherstone Rovers kit man was not very well and suffered a problem during the break.

The doctor attended Rob and an ambulance was called. The doctor had to remain with Rob until the ambulance arrived treated Rob and then took him to a hospital in Sheffield.

As there is only one doctor the game could not be restarted until the doctor was available to oversee the game.

At the time of me writing this article Rob is still in hospital being monitored.

He did not have a heart attack as first thought (the thought is it was a muscle problem that surrounded his heart). May I on behalf of everyone at Sheffield Eagles wish Rob a speedy recovery and our good wishes go to his family at this worrying time.

I'd also like to thank our backroom staff, Featherstone's staff and the

team here at the Keepmoat Stadium for their quick and professional manner in handling what was a very upsetting situation for all involved.

Last Sunday was the first game for a long time that spectators were allowed in to watch the game (under Covid restrictions) and I must say it was great to see you all again and thank for attending and supporting the Eagles.

I look forward to you all being at our games during the rest of the season May I also congratulate you for not imitating Featherstone Rovers spectators in their upsetting chants etc.

It is not needed at sports games and especially rugby league which is a family sport where children can attend and do not need to hear that kind of chants etc.

May I wish you all a great afternoon please take care and keep safe.

Enjoy the game

Chris Noble MBE



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TUBBY TALK

MARK ASTON SPEAKS TO MATT YOUNG

IWalking out to the pitch with the sound of supporters inside the Keepmoat last weekend really did make the hairs stand up on the back of the neck.

I've said in my notes several times that, whilst we are grateful to be back playing again, it won't really be same until you hear the noise from the terraces. It has been so long without you here in person that I wasn't sure how I was going to feel, and to be honest it was quite emotional looking around seeing so many familiar faces.

It really cannot be underestimated just how important fans are for the game, and whilst we cannot rest on our laurels with the pandemic certainly not over, let's hope it is the beginning of the end.

I was left feeling disappointed with the performance against Featherstone last time out. I didn't feel our attitude to defence was right, especially in the first-half, and when you aren't quite at it against a team with the quality of Featherstone, then you are likely to be punished.

Essentially, that's what happened, and whilst I thought we were better after half-time, overall it was poor by our standards. We saw positives in the game, there were some flashes of us in the game, but we didn't have enough ball to really put them under any sustained pressure.

We've worked hard this week in anticipation of the game against Whitehaven. We know they'll be big and strong, and having watched some of their performances this season, we also know we're going to have to work extremely hard and play much better if we want a result.

We haven't had great results in recent weeks, confidence then takes a hit to some degree, so we need to get back to what we were doing at the start of the season and I

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believe this group is more than capable of rediscovering that touch.

I'd like to take this opportunity, on behalf of everyone at the club, to send our best wishes to Rob Smith who was taken ill during the game with Featherstone last week. It is really concerning when something like that happens, and the game was rightly delayed, we just again extend our support and wish Rob a speedy recovery.

Finally, it was good to see debuts for Travis Corion and Bobby and Harry Tyson-Wilson. We've seen a little snippet of what they can do for us. They are all great lads, and they will only get better the more we work with them, but it is fair to say I am excited by what I have seen so far.

Also, finally, best of luck to Jack Render who has left the club. Jack was open and honest and simply didn't want to carry on playing rugby league. He went about this in the right manner and he goes with our best wishes.

Thanks again for your support and enjoy the game!

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It was fantastic to welcome back everyone last Sunday – despite the performance I hope everyone who attended enjoyed their afternoon after such a long time without live rugby league action.

I would like to put on record my thanks to everyone at Club Doncaster for their support leading up to and on the day last week.

We were permitted away supporters on Tuesday leading up to the match and whilst it was fantastic from a club point of view, providing much needed ticket sales revenue but did provide some long nights and a few headaches.

Following the match, I noticed some upset supporters on social media regarding language used by away supporters. Apologies for this and sorry that the matter was not dealt with in the correct manner, we will certainly look to improve on this going forward.

It was also our first 'double header' with the Dons match taking place before ours. There match kicked off slightly late and had a few stoppages which meant we had to delay our kick-off time. Warmups, cleaning & sanitising the dugouts etc. was all quickly down and the stadium turnaround for our fixture.

We will look to improve timings etc.

THE OFFICE

LIAM CLAFFEY

for future double headers this season and thank you to everyone for their patience.



It has been noted elsewhere by our Chairman Chris but a big thank you to our Doctor Nick Stubblings and Physio Mick Heys. Their response at half-time to tend to Rob Smith of Featherstone was fantastic. All our pre-planned procedures jumped into action as soon as knew there was a serious problem and credit

to Club Doncaster staff to who duly assisted with everything.

Away from that, I would like to thank John Helm and Paul Broadbent also, not an easy task to fill from around 40-50 minutes on our live stream, with very little in the way of updates, they kept the viewers informed and provided content whilst we awaited the second half.

It's likely we will be ending our streaming of matches very soon, it has been a positive and fruitful venture for the club, after the issues we suffered in our first league match vs Bradford being resolved and we are looking at ways to bring more video content to you later this season and heading into next year.

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sponsors but also to get involved in other initiatives.

We have a unique opportunity bestowed upon us where we will be opening a new stadium following a World Cup.

The eyes of the world will be on Sheffield for a small window later this year and we need to take advantage of this. I will certainly be doing my best to do so.

Firstly, I cannot put into words how good it was to see people back in the stadium.

A big thanks to everyone who came and bearded with us whilst we work within the regulations currently in place.

A warm welcome to everyone here & watching online and I would like to welcome to the players and staff from Whitehaven to the Keepmoat Stadium here in Doncaster for today's game.

We are now well on the way to finalising our commercial offering for next season and our return to The Olympic Legacy Park. Whilst I know it is exciting for all the fans to get back to our new home after such a long time on the road, this is also exceptionally exciting for me personally and the opportunities it brings.

The promises we have made to our fantastic and loyal sponsors we can now deliver. Not only will we be able to deliver these promises, we can exceed expectations which is essential for the commercial side of this club.

I am talking with an array of companies and business across the Sheffield City Region, not only to come on as



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As mentioned in previous notes, we hope to start welcoming back sponsors and providing matchday

hospitality at home game after the 21st of June. If you would be interested in coming to a game with Hospitality, please drop me an email to mark.hannigan@sheffieldeagles.com.

I would also like to give a final shout out for our upcoming Golf Day.

We have a couple of spaces left for teams to enter. It promised to be a great day at Wortley Golf Club with! Thanks again to Andy and the team at CSP Systems for their support with this event. If you are interested in getting involved, please feel free to drop me a message.

Thank you again for all your support.

Enjoy the Game!

Mark

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MEDICAL MICK HEYS

Although the last game did not go as we hoped it was great to have fans back in the stadium to watch a game.

I had forgotten about that and was a little surprised coming out of the tunnel hearing the fans chant & seeing people in the stands. Let's hope we can get more people in over the next few weeks.

This week I shall describe the management of a player once he has been diagnosed as concussed.

If you remember from last time-if a player is suspected as being concussed, then they will be removed from the field and undergo a pitch side (actually in the medical room) Head Injury Assessment which includes a series of tests called a SCATS. If the player "Fails" this assessment he is deemed to be concussed and not allowed back onto the field.

A concussed player will then be examined by the doctor to clear him for a graded return to training & then to playing (GRTP). This begins following 48hrs of rest after the injury and follows a strict graduation in intensity, monitoring at each stage the players response. If symp-

toms return or the player struggles with a stage, then they are given a rest period to settle, and the process taken back a step. GRTP begins with light aerobic exercise, becoming more intense each step and then the introduction of skills work and RL specific decision making as cognitive /mental skills are vitally important with regard to their recovery and potential long-term consequences.

Once cleared by the doctor and Cognigram test comparable to baseline the player can then return to full training, including contact, and if no adverse reaction they will be available for selection.

This process will take a minimum of seven days in total. Thus, if all goes to plan a concussed player will only be able to play the next game if it is a week later. If we play Sunday then Friday the next game will be missed no matter how well the rehab goes.

It is interesting to note that the initial, acute effects of a concussive episode do not always reflect the severity of the injury. We have had players who suffered what is called "Tonic posturing" ie stiff arms and legs whilst unconscious and have been able to return to play the next week, whereas we have also had players just feeling dizzy and disoriented without being knocked unconscious and missed a couple of games as they struggled during RTP with concentration and with their post injury Cognigram (mental ability) test.

That is why the cognitive / mental function tests are so important.

Enjoy the game and let's hope this week the boys undoubted efforts are rewarded with a return to winning ways.

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Our first half-term of schools coaching has come to an end, with Olly Davies having been coaching in five Sheffield primary schools since Easter.

Westways, Hatfield, Hartley Brook, Meynell and Watercliffe Meadow (who have had two year groups taking part) have all been enjoying an introduction into Tag Rugby League and learning the basics of the game including catching and passing, running with the ball and scoring tries. Olly has built a great rapport with all of the pupils and has received some great feedback:

"We've had Olly in school and it was fantastic. Really engaged the children and kept it fast paced and fun" – Meynell Primary

"Olly is such great role model for our students, especially the boys. All of the lessons have been great and out Y5's are loving it. They are always asking me when Olly is teaching them again. The children have fun as well as learning a new sport. The lessons have great engagement with 100% participation for the majority of the lesson" – Hatfield Primary"

Once half term is out of the way, Olly's timetable will be even fuller this half term with him being in schools five days per week.

Hinde House, Beck, Concord, Wood-



thorpe, Intake, St Mary's CE, Oasis Academy Watermead and Hatfield (different year groups to last term) will be on the timetable, all getting an introduction to Rugby League. All pupils receive information guiding them to either Sheffield Hawks or Sheffield Forgers at the end of their half term.

If you would like to book Olly Davies to coach in your school –

contact adam.hughes@eaglesfoundation.co.uk

Andrea Dobson, our new Rugby League Development Officer, is now two weeks into her role and is making in-roads into the many partnerships the Foundation is trying to build in the city. Andrea's diary has been filling up meeting with the Rugby League World Cup City Planning Group, the Sheffield RL Development Group, Street Games and many others to understand how the Foundation can play its part in growing Rugby League in the city.

We will shortly publicise a growth plan for Sheffield to give something for all stakeholders to get behind and for us to measure the impact of the programmes. Andrea's contact details are andrea.dobson@eaglesfoundation.co.uk or 07960 135 699



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Last Sunday was a good day, seeing the Sheffield Eagles fans back in the ground making their voices heard singing for the boys; sadly the result could have been better.

Today is another Good day as we see your smiling faces once again cheering on the Team.

Gratitude is something we often take for granted; it is always good to take stock of our lives and be grateful for the things that bring us joy, happiness, laughter, peace, love and appreciation.

I know sometimes I can go through my daily work commitments without pausing even for a moment and thinking how fortunate I am to be able to do the thing I love.

Zig Ziglar said: "Gratitude is the healthiest of all human emotions. The more you express gratitude for what you have, the more likely you will have even more to express gratitude for."

Each morning I make a conscious effort to choose to try and be positive and express my thanks for this new day. As someone who has struggled with his mental health for many years it can be easy for me to wake up feeling that today is going to be awful and things are not going to go well,

before I've had my first cup of coffee.

I have so many things to be grateful for and the more I focus on these the more life becomes lighter emotionally and physically. I find what Jim Rohn said very helpful:

"Learn to be thankful for what you

already have, while you pursue all that you want."

It has been over two years since I visited my friend Lee in Romania to support him and his team who are doing an amazing work in some of the poorest communities.

I always come back with my heart strings pulled in so many different ways due to the huge need. I also come home grateful that I have a roof over my head, a home that is dry and warm, clothes to wear and food to eat and a loving wife and friends to share my life with. As Tecumesh said:

"When you arise in the morning give thanks for the food and for the joy of living."

So today is a good day to have a good day and as Robert Brault said:

"Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things"



DAVIES DISCUSSES

DAN FOWLER TALKS WITH OLLY DAVIES

DF: What were your thoughts coming away from last week's defeat?

OD: We are just a bit low on confidence as a team. As a group, we know what we're capable of and it's frustrating us that we're not reaching our potential. We have had a few injuries and people absent but we have got to keep on performing to the level that we expect of each other. At the moment we're not reaching that but we are training hard behind the scenes. We're not reaching the standards that we set for ourselves so that is definitely frustrating.

DF: Obviously there was a bit of disruption due to the Halifax game being postponed. How much of an effect does something like that have?

OD: It doesn't have an effect at all really. We had that week off to rest bodies and recover from a tough couple of weeks. Every game you play in this league, you're walking away battered and bruised so not playing against Halifax certainly isn't an excuse for the performance we put in against Featherstone.

DF: We had a good start to the year but have had some disappointing results as of late. How important is it that we get back to winning ways today?

OD: It's massively important. We need to build some more confidence, like what we had at the start of the year. We put big numbers on Bradford and got a hard-fought win at York, so we were buzzing with that. Coming away from Newcastle, we were disappointed with each other as a team and now we're in a bit of a rut. We deserved to beat London, we should have won that one. It's the frustration with each other at the moment as we're not a bad team. We're not managing games correctly in the second half and we need to learn, and learn fast.

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DF: How impressed have you been by the debutant performances, in training and on the pitch?

OD: I have been extremely impressed they're all fighting for a shirt at every training session. It's up to them to take those opportunities when they come around. Tubbs and Simon have them training constantly and doing the extras, even after matches. Tubbs wants everyone to be ready and the boys have taken it well.

DF: Moving off the field now, you work in schools for the Foundation. How important is Andrea Dobson's appointment?

OD: It's fantastic. It's a great appointment. Any help that we can have starting up the Eagles Foundation again, from where it was, is great. To have Andrea guiding us, and myself, as we look to spread the word about the sport across the city in a World Cup year is vital. I can't wait to work with her as she's got a lot of experience. I've spoken to her over email and she sounds very enthusiastic and it'll be exciting to see what is to come.



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Main Motivation for Playing Rugby:
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Whitehaven RLFC come into today's round eight clash with the aim of responding to a tough couple of weeks in the Betfred Championship.

After seven league games, Haven have two wins recorded, with those coming against Newcastle Thunder and Oldham in round two and five respectively.

Today's visitors started their season with a win, beating Dewsbury Rams 23-16 in round one of the Challenge Cup, a week before exiting the competition against Widnes Vikings.

Gary Charlton's side narrowly lost out to Dewsbury in round one before a 29-20 win over the newly-promoted Newcastle in round two.

Haven then suffered defeats against early-season high-flyers Featherstone Rovers and Bradford Bulls before taking apart Oldham at Bower Fold.

The last fortnight has been a rough one for all connected with Whitehaven, the Marras were nilled at the Recre by the unbeaten Toulouse Olympique prior to last weekend's loss against Widnes Vikings.

Despite a heavy 44-6 scoreline, in the end, Haven only trailed 14-0 at the break, with Brad O'Neill and Adam Lawton the only first-half try scorers for the hosts.

Danny Craven added a quickfire double for the Vikings after the interval, with Steve Tyrer converting both scores.

Jake Bradley then barged over for the singular Whitehaven score of the game before the Vikings turned the screw.

Will Tilleke and former Eagle Jack Owens crossed over for tries ahead of Adam Lawton's second of the game, which capped off a comfortable win for Widnes.

Whitehaven Head Coach Gary Charlton has enjoyed success in his post since joining the club in late 2018.

Son of Great Britain World Cup winner Paul Charlton, Gary represented four Cumbrian clubs during his playing career.

Charlton coached Workington Town from 2009 to 2014 before he took the reins at NCL side Egremont Rangers.

Haven achieved promotion to the Championship in Charlton's first season as head coach in 2019.

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THREE TO WATCH

LEWIS COLEMAN

Lachlan Walmsley

Winger Lachlan Walmsley will be looking to add to a decent start to life in Cumbria with a good showing today.

Walmsley, who plays on the wing can also operate at full-back, came through the respective systems of South Sydney Rabbitohs and Newcastle Knights before he made the move to Whitehaven ahead of the 2021 season.

The Scotland hopeful has three tries this season and he could add points from the tee if he is selected as Haven's goal-kicker ahead of hooker Callum Phillips.

Liam Cooper

Second-rower Liam Cooper will be a threat to the Sheffield forwards this afternoon.

Cooper, spent a short period at the Eagles in 2017, whilst on dual-registration from St Helens signed for today's visitors after leaving Widnes in 2020.

A regular for Haven this season, Cooper has featured in all but one league outing, Gary Charlton's side's away loss to Featherstone, the former Halifax Panthers loanee will be crucial to any success Whitehaven have today.

Jessie Joe Parker

Former Papua New Guinea international Jessie Joe Parker will try to use his experience to help Whitehaven to a third win of the season this afternoon.

The 35-year-old joined the Cumbrian club after a prolific period at Featherstone Rovers, in which he scored 17 tries on 15 appearances.

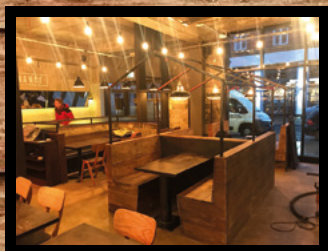
Since joining in 2012, Parker has made over 140 appearances in white, gold and chocolate, with the outside back now a cult hero on the west coast of Cumbria.



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WHAT'S BEEN ACHIEVED & LOOKING FORWARD

SESA has been established for just over a year now. It's always difficult to start up a new organisation and obviously it's been even more difficult during recent times. We thought it was worthwhile though to look at what has been achieved already as a way of encouraging even more people to join.

Membership is just £10 a year with £5 for concessions. We act as a voice for the fans as well as (when we can) organising events on match days and in-between.

So far Squadbuilder has contributed £1,000 to the club and through membership fees SESA has been able to sponsor James Glover and offer the sponsorship of Paddy Burns to a SESA member. We've been running the SESA man of the match at every game, with the votes added up for the player of the month, before the totals for the player of the season. This will then be the club's official supporters' player of the year award. For details of the vote and how to vote on the day go to www.sesa.org.uk/vote. We're looking at what more we can do as SESA and are keen to work with the Club and the Eagles Foundation as well as look ahead to the new stadium. If you've got any suggestions then just email us on sheffieleaglesfans@gmail.com

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SESA is keen to support the club financially, directly contributing to the costs of the squad and supporting the signing of new players. We're doing this through Squadbuilder - as a starting point we are asking people to contribute £5 a month. You may think your £5 doesn't go far but if we have 50 supporters contributing this per month then that's £3,000 a year. If 100 contribute that's £6,000 and if 400 join then that's £24,000!

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	T	G	DG
01. Josh Guzdek	●	●	●
02. Rob Worrincy	●	●	●
03. Connor Bower	●	●	●
04. James Glover	●	●	●
05. Ryan Millar	●	●	●
06. Anthony Thackeray	●	●	●
08. Scott Wheeldon	●	●	●
09. James Davey	●	●	●
10. Matt James	●	●	●
11. Bradley Knowles	●	●	●
12. Joel Farrell	●	●	●
13. Aaron Brown	●	●	●
14. Greg Burns	●	●	●
15. Oliver Davies	●	●	●
16. Robbie Ward	●	●	●
17. Frankie Mariano	●	●	●
18. Tyler Dickinson	●	●	●
19. Blake Broadbent	●	●	●
20. Paddy Burns	●	●	●
21. Rory Dixon	●	●	●
22. Izaac Farrell	●	●	●
23. Harry Tyson-Wilson	●	●	●
24. Ryan Johnson	●	●	●
25. Jordan Bull	●	●	●
26. Chris Ball	●	●	●
27. Travis Corion	●	●	●
29. Mike Adlard	●	●	●
30. Max Clarke	●	●	●
31. Bobby Tyson-Wilson	●	●	●

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	T	G	DG	
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●	●	●	●	02. Lachlan Walmsley
●	●	●	●	03. Chris Taylor
●	●	●	●	04. Jessie Joe Parker
●	●	●	●	05. Andrew Bulman
●	●	●	●	06. Karl Dixon
●	●	●	●	07. Nikau Williams
●	●	●	●	08. Marc Shackley
●	●	●	●	09. Callum Phillips
●	●	●	●	10. Kris Coward
●	●	●	●	11. Brett Phillips
●	●	●	●	12. Liam Cooper
●	●	●	●	13. Dion Aiye
●	●	●	●	14. Sam Dowsett
●	●	●	●	15. Connor Holiday
●	●	●	●	16. Tom Wilkinson
●	●	●	●	17. Tom Walker
●	●	●	●	18. James Newton
●	●	●	●	19. Ellis Gillam
●	●	●	●	20. Jake Bradley
●	●	●	●	21. Glenn Riley
●	●	●	●	22. Brett Carter
●	●	●	●	23. Jason Mossop
●	●	●	●	24. Ethan Kelly
●	●	●	●	25. James Worthington
●	●	●	●	26. Ryan King
●	●	●	●	27. Andrew Dawson
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●	●	●	●	30. Sean Croston

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LAST TIME OUT

EAGLES VS ROVERS

SUNDAY 23 MAY 2021
BETFRED CHAMPIONSHIP - R7

SHEFFIELD EAGLES

- 01. Josh Guzdek
- 02. Rob Worrincy
- 24. Ryan Johnson
- 04. James Glover
- 27. Travis Corion
- 22. Izaac Farrell
- 13. Aaron Brown
- 08. Scott Wheeldon
- 09. James Davey
- 10. Matt James
- 11. Bradley Knowles
- 15. Oliver Davies
- 20. Paddy Burns

INTERCHANGE

- 23. Harry Tyson-Wilson
- 18. Tyler Dickinson
- 31. Bobby Tyson-Wilson
- 25. Jordan Bull

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- 05. Gareth Gale
- 01. Craig Hall
- 17. Thomas Minns
- 28. Jacob Doyle
- 09. Nu Brown
- 06. Tom Holmes
- 08. Craig Kopczak
- 14. Connor Jones
- 13. James Lockwood
- 20. Frankie Halton
- 12. Brad Day
- 16. Jack Bussey

INTERCHANGE

- 21. Dean Parata
- 15. John Davies
- 19. Callum Field
- 27. Loui McConnell

MATCH REPORT

EAGLES VS ROVERS

Sheffield Eagles suffered a third defeat of the season on Sunday afternoon as the high-flying Featherstone Rovers took apart the inexperienced visitors 18-50.

Two Sheffield players returned positive tests, announced on May 11th, which saw the postponement of their away fixture against Halifax Panthers.

Mark Aston handed debuts to young winger Travis Corion and brothers Harry Tyson-Wilson and Bobby Tyson-Wilson, who were both selected on the interchange bench.

The unbeaten visitors made a perfect start in Doncaster, as Jacob Doyle touched down in the left corner before Gareth Gale extended the lead after some smart offloading.

Jack Bussey was the next to score for Rovers, he was in support following more good work from Gale. A Dane Chisholm conversion made it 0-14.

The Eagles hit back through Brad Knowles after the forward received a penalty due to Jack Bussey's overzealous attention.

The stand-in second-rower barged over against his former employers before Izaac Farrell's conversion narrowed Featherstone's lead to eight.

James Webster's side crossed the whitewash again through a converted James Lockwood effort. The Eagles weren't going down with a fight, though, as Bobby Tyson-Wilson powered past the Rovers defence for a great score.

The former Hull FC youngster impressed on his first run-out in Eagles colours, with a try and several offloads in his stints from the sideline.

Callum Field added a try before Gale scored his second of the game to give the Flatcappers a 20-point lead at the break.

Featherstone were first to score after an extended half-time break, with both medical teams kept busy dealing with a health incident inside the Keepmoat tunnel.

Nu Brown went underneath the sticks to stretch the Rovers lead, which was soon added to by Lockwood.

Chisholm converted Craig Hall's try to make it 50 for the away side before Izaac Farrell went over for Sheffield.

Cute footwork from the stand-off created a yard space for a superb solo try, which Farrell converted to make it three-from-three from the kicking tee.





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 - > Hand sanitisation stations will be positioned at entry areas, soap dispenser are available in the toilet blocks.
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 - > To assist spectators, signage has been in-
- stalled throughout the stadium, spectators should follow this signage when moving around the ground including when accessing any facilities.
- > Spectators are responsible for ensuring supervision of children in their care.
 - > The Club will notify all spectators via the PA system about the importance of Social Distancing and other appropriate measures in place at the stadium.
 - > The Club will remind all spectators via the PA system about the exiting procedures which have been circulated to all spectators prior to the match
 - > Spectators are reminded to frequently use the hand sanitisers provided.
 - > Spectators are reminded that many people attending matches will be understandably nervous about attending events with people outside of their social households and bubbles. It is therefore important, in line with the RFL Respect and Enjoy the Game campaigns to be understanding of others by complying with all Codes of Conducts and guidance issued.
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LATEST NEWS

RENDER LEAVES EAGLES

Sheffield Eagles can announce Jack Render has left the club.

The winger joined the club late last year ahead of the 2021 season but has requested an early release from the contract.

Render made one appearance from the club, in our defeat away to Newcastle Thunder.

Speaking of his departure Render said: "I've been lucky to experience everything I have in my rugby career but now I feel is the time to move on from rugby,"

"I wish the squad and all the backroom staff all the best for the rest of the season and I'll still be supporting from afar."



Eagles Head Coach Mark Aston added: "It's a shame Jack has decided to call time of his career but he has gone about his business the correct way."

"We wish him all the best in whatever he chooses to do next and thank him for his time and effort at the Eagles."



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